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Subject: RE: Response to Examiner's Proposal for Allowance for Trilogy Patent Application T00107 ("Session-Based Processing Method And System") (U.S. Application No. 10/796,317)

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Greetings Examiner Hwa.

I am writing in response to your proposal to amend independent claim 8 to include the limitations of dependent claims 9 and 10. We certainly appreciate your indication that these claims contain allowable subject matter. However, after considering the proposal to combine all three claims together and reviewing the cited art combination, we must respectfully decline the proposed amendment.

As a counter proposal, we instead request that you consider allowing claim 8 if amended to include the "sliding window" ring buffer requirements of claim 10 as set forth below. Based on our review of the pending art rejection for claims 8 and 10, Nareddy's webpage at Figure 19U does not disclose or suggest any "sliding window" for processing all log records by adding and removing log records. Instead, Nareddy's Figure 19U merely depicts a customer web page which displays "multiple frames" of customer-specific information. No "sliding window" is disclosed.

Moreover, Nareddy's admitted failure to disclose a "ring buffer" is not remedied by Dow's teaching of an "event buffer module" that buffers event data for a set period of time in a "2-minute ring buffer" since Dow nowhere discloses or suggests using the "2-minute ring buffer" to implement a "sliding window" to process "all of the log records."

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection analysis of claims 8 and 10 be carefully reconsidered to see if claim 8 could be allowed if amended to include only the limitations of claim 10. Of course, our client would appreciate an opportunity to submit similar amendments to the remaining independent claims if it meets with your approval.

For your convenience, we have prepared and set forth below the proposed amendment to claim 8. I believe that this amendment will advance prosecution in this matter, but please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

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Proposed Claims

8. (Proposed Amendment) An article of manufacture having at least one recordable medium having stored thereon executable instructions and data which, when executed by at least one processing device, cause the at least one processing device to:

read a plurality of records from a file system into a ring buffer, where said plurality of [[or]] records comprises a subset of all records in the file system;

scan each record in the ring buffer to identify a user session for said record and to identify any start or end records in the ring buffer;

allocate, for each identified user session, an index to identify all records in the ring buffer that are associated with the identified user session and to identify all start or end records; [[and]]

process the index to group all records in the ring buffer belonging to a complete user session, to output the grouped records for further analysis; and

sequentially adding and removing log records to the ring buffer until all of the log records in the file system have been processed so that the ring buffer implements a sliding window to process all of the log records in the file system into complete user sessions.